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Lieut. Almy, 5th cavalry, relieved Lieut. Wygant as quartermaster at Reno.

An addition is being built to the brick school house at the Post to make more room for officers' quarters.

Miss Belle Fletcher has been a guest at the Darlington Hotel for over a week. She is to remain at the Kiowa school another year.

A. Seiler and Miss Anna Latschar have come to be employees in the Arapahoe school. Miss L. has been with Rev. Haury, at Cantonment for some time.

The Post saw-mill has been closed down for a few days to undergo a change in the position of the engine and boiler. Tom Hambleton is the mechanic.

The green grass upon the prairies is drying up rapidly, owing to the drouth, and on Saturday the smoke from a prairie-fire could be seen north-east of town.

A fine work horse at the Mennonite Mission was badly lacerated on Wednesday by jumping onto a barbed wire fence, from the effect of which it is believed the animal will die.

The new Indian beef contractor for this year will not commence issuing until August 1, the old contractor having issued enough on the first to last the Indians this month.

Dr. J. W. Gray reports the sanitary condition of our Indians as being excellent for this season of the year. Usually the death drum can be heard on every hand at this time.

The mail continues to arrive promptly on time, reaching here twenty-four hours from the time it leaves Caldwell. Good service is being performed by the new management.

Mr. O. Eastland starts to-morrow for the railroad at Wichita Falls, Texas, to meet his family, who will arrive there from Mississippi. Ed. Gray goes with him to see the country and shoot coyotes.

O. A. Kennedy, a graduate from Simpson college, Indianola, Iowa, is the latest addition to the list of workers at the Cheyenne school. He is an old friend and college-mate of Mr. R. P. Collins and J. F. Samson.

On his recent trip to Kansas City, Agency Physician Gray met ex-Agent D. B. Dyer. The Dr. says Col. Dyer has made some profitable investments in real estate in that city, all of which we are glad to know.

The number of young ladies of the Agency was lessened on Friday by the departure for her home in Illinois of Miss Salie E. Hambleton. She was a teacher in the schools for two years, and she takes with her the best wishes of an extensive circle of friends.

Mrs. Ralph F. Collins, for many years a teacher in the government schools among the Cheyennes and Arapahoes at Darlington, Indian Territory, arrived by the 9:26 train last night on a short visit to her sister, Mrs. George W. Maffet.—Daily Republican, Anthony, Kansas, July 9.

A wagon loaded with supplies for the Seger colony was lost in the Canadian river by its sinking into the quick-sand. The team also sank down, but fortunately the driver got them out. The wagon, together with a bale of duck and some other articles, is still in the bottom of the treacherous stream—a monument of the stupidity of a careless driver.

Capt. Clay Evans, of the live stock firm of Hunter, Evans & Co., has been here over a week looking after the interests of his firm's pasture fence on the old Cheyenne annuled lease. There is yet standing about 125 miles of wire fence, which is to be taken down for Mr. Evans by the Seger colony Indians. Evans Bros., at Reno, bought 35,000 pounds of the wire, while the rest will be hauled to Texas and Kansas. Captain Lee may contract for some of it for the use of the government.

A Good Talk.

Probably the finest and most forcible address ever delivered in the country upon the Indian question was that of Agent Capt. Lee on last Tuesday evening before the graduates from the Carlisle Indian School. The talk was nearly of an hour's duration, and the boys tell us that the Captain strongly urged them to exert their every effort to find immediate employment, telling them not to remain idle as long as they could obtain an ax honestly. After plainly pointing out to them the different lines of work open for them and the good results to be derived by being industrious, he said he would not force them to work; that they were their own masters in the matter. He hoped they would not go back again to the old Indian ways as some had done on returning from school, but they would make their influence felt among their people for good in elevating them from their low condition. The Captain also flavored the discourse with many witty and telling illustrations in his usual able and eloquent manner to keep the boys in good humor, and at the close of his talk he organized a literary or debating society for the Indian pupils to meet every Friday evening. The certificates from the Carlisle school were then given to the returned pupils by the Agent, which each one received with thankfulness and a determination to make use of their education.

Visiting Indians.

About one thousand of them were here for over a week, dancing, begging and trading. They were of the Kiowa, Apache, Comanche, Caddo and Wichita tribes. They came on horse-back and in wagons, and of course, were spectators at the Cheyenne medicine dance, which commenced on Sunday, lasting three days and as many nights. A large party of them camped just across the river opposite the Agency, and for several days and nights the monotonous sound of the "tom-tom" or drum could be plainly heard for miles. One day a party of Kiowas, attired in fancy regalia, entered the agency and proceeded to give a dance for the amusement of the whites. Of course an Indian always expects something in return for nothing, and for one of these "tom-tom" dances they demanded food. The commissary being the larger building, and knowing it contained the larger amount of "chuck," the dancing party drew up near it and began dancing. Agent Lee objected, telling them that he did not wish to be serenaded, and further that they must leave the Agency to carry on such pastime. The Captain gave them a talk and they returned to camp. It is an old custom of the Indians to make visits to neighboring tribes about once a year, and the visitors generally return well paid for their trouble. We know not the number of ponies our late guests received from the Cheyennes.

Onward Society.

The above named society composed of Indian boys met in the Arapahoe school chapel on Friday evening. Richard Davis was made president, and Henry D. North secretary. Mr. J. W. Krehbiel and Casper Edson were nominated as a committee on music. Arnold Woolworth, Steve H. Williamson, William Fletcher, and Jessa S. Bent were elected principal speakers. Rev. Voth and Julia Bent were chosen as readers. Carl Matches and L. C. Springer, are to draft constitutions and by-laws. Subject for next Friday evening:

Resolved, "That knowledge is better than money," with Wm. Fletcher and Jessa S. Bent for the affirmative, and Arnold Woolworth and S. H. Williamson for the negative side. Organization meeting adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock, Friday evening, July 16.

HENRY D. NORTH, Secretary.

A sparring match between Robert D. Fraser and P. J. Collins, a soldier, came off at the Post on last Tuesday night. A prize of \$26.00 was made up for the winning man. They spared six three minute rounds, and as the judges pronounced it a draw, the prize was divided between the two pugilists. Fraser claims to be the feather weight champion of the Territory, but Collins held him quite level. The boys did some heavy knocking for the entertainment of the large audience who had gathered to see the slugging. The boxer was to have the contest over at tonight's time.

From the Indian Colony.

SEGER COLONY, July 10.

ED. CHEYENNE TRANSPORTER:—Resuming my articles on colony affairs, will say (fearing you were not aware of it) that the weather has been very dry, compelling us to discontinue plowing operations; but what little time we could work, the Indians made good use of it. The showers of rain in the latter part of June enabled us to plow four days, during which time we kept every available plow in use. The protracted dry spell has about killed all crops on sod ground, yet there exists no despondency on the part of the Indians, each member of the colony taking no less interest in his work on that account. Having to move out here late in the spring at a time when the plows should have been at work, the best part of the working season was lost. Again, the Indian horses were in such thin flesh that little or no heavy work could be done until they had recruited on new grass. Notwithstanding all these disadvantages, we have had new potatoes and ripe watermelons from the colony garden.

In every instance where the Indians have been furnished milch cows, they have paid them close attention, and utilize the milk as far as their knowledge goes in taking care of it. Having no facilities for keeping the milk from souring, I gave them a recipe for making it into "Dutch cheese." Of this they took advantage, as I learned on being invited to dine at a camp where they had Dutch cheese on the bill of fare. There was room for improvement in the making of it, but whether the defect was in the making of it or in the recipe I know not. However, I noticed that none of the cheese was left after finishing the meal. At one camp a well has been dug by a school boy, which they use for cooling purposes. I find that the Indian women are quite apt in learning to do little details in the domestic department after the ways of our white sisters.

I was sorry to learn that it was a member of our colony who issued the call for the medicine dance. A member of his family was sick, and he made a vow that he would give a medicine, which, in the belief of the Indian, alleviates and restores the sick to health and vigor. The sick person died before the dance comes off, but he felt duty-bound to keep his vow, and the Arapahoes sustaining him in the opinion, he began arranging for the dance. His name is Two Babies. Members of the colony asked my permission to attend, and having no important work on hand at the time, I could not well refuse. I allowed them to go to the medicine with the proviso that they would meet me afterward and tell me if they had been benefited by it. They agreed to this, and if they confess of having derived no good results, they are hereafter to keep clear of such practices. In the course of our talk on the subject, the majority of the Indians admitted to me that they had lost faith in the old medicine dance, further confessing that they believed the white man's religion to be the only true religion.

From my late experiences I think the medicine dance can be broken up by the whites substituting other sources of amusement for our natives. If the question should be asked how this could be done, I would answer: Let all the whites on the reservation take hold of the matter by giving the Indians a Fourth of July celebration about their time for medicine; let them march in the procession; let the chief of the dog-soldiers be marshal of the day with a colored sash; let the chief medicine men carry the national flag at the head of the procession; let the beaters of the tom-tom beat the infantry drum, and at the grand stand let their Agent explain to them that the occasion is for their pleasure in honor of the birth of the nation, etc. When this is done, I think the tom-tom and medicine will have been things of the past. J. H. SEGER.

A band of Kickapoos came onto the reservation a short time ago on a hunting expedition with their old-styled squirrel rifles, when they were told by the Cheyennes in the vicinity of cantonment that they had no right here. After a second warning, the Cheyennes escorted them back, and they have not since been seen upon this reserve. It is thought that the kind of game they were looking for spells p-o-n-i-e-s.

Capt. A. C. Markley, of Fort Sill, lost a valuable stag-hound at Reno last April. He offers a reward of \$20.00 to the person who will find it for him. It is believed that the dog is in this vicinity, presumably in the possession of some Indian. Keep your eyes open for a large yellow stag-hound.

Mr. Seger's family arrived on Friday, and went out with him to-day to the colony.

An old Indian by the name of Long chin caused a fluctuation in the meat market by bringing in a 75 pound cat-fish, which he caught in the North Fork.

Although we have had but one rainfall of any account for over two months, that one saved the corn crop interests on this reservation from almost total destruction.

W. G. Williams and family were up from the Washita country to witness the Fourth of July festivities, as were also James Bond, C. L. Campbell, C. B. Campbell and Oscar Davis, of Silver City.

The military bridge over the North Fork at this point has just received a fresh coat of paint. A fluer bridge, put up and kept in repair by Col. Sudner, would be hard to find. Since it has been built, we cannot see now how the public could do without it.

The Fort Reno Celebration.

Monday, though the 5th of July, was celebrated as the 110th anniversary of the nation's birth at Fort Reno. A cloudless sky on that morning fore-told of a beautiful day, and by ten o'clock an immense crowd of people had gathered to witness the sport. Many large crowds have been together at this Post on the same occasion, but all former celebrations sink into insignificance when compared with this one, if the number of people present and a complete programme count for anything in estimating the magnitude of the occasion. To compare former ones with this, would only be a sideshow at a circus. The red, white and blue were everywhere displayed, floating over officers quarters and at the Post trader's establishment. Active duty was suspended, and the day was devoted to pleasure and patriotism by both officers and men. The crowd gathered on the parade ground at 10 o'clock to witness the exercises, the foot races, wheelbarrow race, sack race, etc., etc., being first on the programme, which as a whole, was well carried out. The exercises at the parade ground were concluded at noon, and next came the horse racing, which, in fact was the most interesting feature of the entire day. A first-class race course of an oblong form had been put in order just south of the garrison by Capt. Woodson and others, with stands for the judges and ladies, furnishing shades from which the races were viewed with comfort. The band, composed of members of company K, 24th Infantry, deserves special mention, which served to enliven the occasion during the day by its inspiring music. It is under the leadership of Patrick Ryan, of K troop, 5th cavalry, and although having had but little practice, the band has made commendable progress. The display of fire-works in the evening, donated by the popular Post traders, Messrs Evans Bros., was very pretty. Rockets and crackers of all kinds began to fly at an early hour, and until a late one the Post was fairly ablaze with the illumination of all manner of pyrotechnical display.

THE FOOT RACES.

- 1—Foot race 100 yards, prize \$7.50, won by Keller, of K troop.
- 2—Go as you please, first prize \$10, second \$5, won respectively by Howard, of K troop, and Anderson, of G troop.
- 3—Wheelbarrow race, winner, Otis, K troop, prize \$2.50.
- 4—Running long jump, prize \$3.50, won by Keller, also of K troop.
- 5—Standing high jump, prize \$4, Ryan, of B troop, winning it.
- 6—Running high jump, prize \$3.50, won also by Ryan.
- 7—Sack race, prize \$3, Otis, K troop winner.
- 8—Potato race, prize \$4, won by Miller, of K troop.
- 9—Hurdle race, prize \$6, Keller, of K troop, winner.
- 10—Three legged race, first prize \$4, second \$2, won respect vely by Miller and Otis and Kearns and Howard, all of K troop.
- 11—Greased pig race, prize, the pig, caught by Richardson, corporal K company, 24th Infantry.
- 12—Barrel race, prize \$3, won by Miller, of K troop.
- 13—Tug of war, prize \$10, won by team of ten men from E company, 24th Infantry.

THE HORSE RACES.

- 1—Half mile, first purse \$50, second \$25, won respectively by "Concho," of K troop, with Lyons as rider; and "Dude," of B troop, with Williams as rider.
 - 2—One quarter mile, first purse \$35, second \$17.50, won by "Gossuth," K troop, Lyons rider; and "Joe," F troop, Sutcliffe riding.
 - 3—Consolation race, purse \$12, "Bedford," of K troop, winning, with Sergeant Lyons as rider.
 - 4—Scrub, prize \$17.50, won by "Stomach," of B troop; Cahill, rider.
 - 5—Slow male race, purse \$11, won by Sergeant Kennedy.
 - 6—Hurdle race, purse \$22, won by "Skip," of K troop; Sergeant Lyons, rider.
- There were two Indian pony races with purses from \$1.00 to \$10.00 entered into and won. There were no horses entered by citizens.